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Applicant	: Philippe Mengal	
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Filed	: June 23, 1998	Group Art Unit: 1631
Title	: METHOD AND PLANT FOR SOLVENT-FREE MICROWAVE EXTRACTION OF NATURAL PRODUCTS	Examiner: Zeman, M.
Docket No.	: A398.312-0002	

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Examiner Zeman:

As a follow-up to our conversation earlier today, I request that the Office Action issued in September of 1999 in this application be reissued on the grounds that the Applicant's below-named attorney never received the originally-issued Office Action. The reason that Applicant's attorney did not receive the Office Action are two-fold. First, change of address information was not entered in the Patent Office database. Secondly, the Office Action was received at Applicant's old correspondence address after the one-year postal service forwarding order had expired.

Applicant's correspondence address changed in the fall of 1998, when Applicant's below-named attorney relocated their offices. A forwarding order was placed with the postal service for the prior correspondence address. This postal service forwarding order thereafter expired one year later in the fall of 1999. Applicant's below-named attorney recently discovered that change of address information submitted to the Patent Office had not been properly entered for some applications. Thereafter, Applicant's below-named attorney searched each file handled within the past few years to determine if other applications may be afflicted with this problem.

During this search, Applicant's below-named attorney determined that the above-identified application may have had correspondence from the Patent Office that was not forwarded. Based upon this discovery, Applicant's below-named attorney contacted the Patent Office to determine if such was the case in the application. Based upon this inquiry, Applicant's below-named attorney was forwarded to Examiner Zeman who confirmed that an Office Action was issued in the above-identified application in September of 1999.

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Applicant's below-named attorney never received this Office Action, because (1) the Patent Office records do not accurately reflect Applicant's current correspondence address and (2) the postal forwarding order for Applicant's prior correspondence address had expired. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reissue the Office Action originally issued in September of 1999 and that the period for response to this Office Action be restarted. This action is requested because the Applicant is located in Europe. Consequently, correspondence and consultation with the Applicant typically requires a significantly longer period of time, such as several months, rather than the shorter amounts of time that would be required if the Applicant were located in the United States.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and action on this request for reissuance of the Office Action and resetting of the period for response. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's below-named attorney at (612) 337-7219 to discuss any aspect of this application or this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

I certify that the following papers are being telefacsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

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